

STATE AND COUNTY

Athena is to have a concrete jail... The Fort Rock-Bend highway is to be built... C. D. Lamsen of Gold Beach, will build a 20-room hotel at Brookings... Condon—Contract let to Everett Logan for \$2750 Congregational church... The Pendleton school board has taken up retrenchment and elimination of funds... Clackamas, Gladstone, Jennings, Edge and Park Place voted on Union High school... Pendleton—Tons of salmon dying in Umatilla River fish ladder, unable to get over... Eugene council refused to enact minimum wage law of \$2.25 for eight hours, but enacted preference law for same labor... L. J. Simpson, who built North Bend and operates large industries, assigned as mayor and will become candidate for congress... The manufacture of ink was established at Salem... Winchester Bay is a new townsite near Gardiner... Monroe votes on \$3000 water bond... Albany is figuring on getting the Brownsville cannery... Polk & Co. directory gives Astoria 7,800 population... Gresham Fruit Growers' association puts in an ice plant... Motorcycle tandem seats are manufactured at Ontario... Albany—J. P. Wallace is putting a foundation for brick block... May 15 Seaside voted on establishing union high school... Coal is being mined in quantities near Toledo, Lincoln county... Pendleton and Salem are moving for junior high schools... North Bend orders Virginia avenue improved, to cost \$11,000... Fossil—I. A. Johnson will erect stone or brick store building... The Tillamook Bay Fish company will erect a warehouse at Bay City... Baker—Eagle River power plant completed to operate Virtue mine... The Dalles—June 3 the county court opened bids on \$20,000 highway work... Twelve million dollars are required to finance the salmon pack this year... Labor leaders favor state printing common grade school text books... Portland Odd Fellows have bought the site and will erect a \$150,000 building... Wheeler—Balley sawmill plant begins operations, cutting 50,000 feet a day... Corvallis—E. K. Abraham & Son have contract for \$9000 fraternal house... North Bend—L. J. Simpson will build \$5000 dairy barn at Shore Acres... The Hawley Paper company, Oregon City, will build a new warehouse 7x110 feet... Five thousand dollars to be spent on highway between Grants Pass and Crescent City... Independence—Valley & Siletz railroad will expend \$200,000 on extension... Clackamas county has a \$10,000 damage suit growing out of a jitney accident... Marshfield—The new Smith-Powers logging camp is turning out 600,000 feet daily... A game warden closed the Barry crab cannery at Empire on a technicality... Portland Home Builders erect large warehouse at East Thirty-third street... Mutual insurance companies should be required to publish quarterly statements... Empire—Simpson Lumber company has started Tarheel logging camp near here... L. P. Cronmiller succeeds Ralph E. Koozer as managing editor of the Lake County Examiner... Portland—The Western Sash and Door company is adding two-story frame 56x98 and one story 200x125... At Olympia a socialist mayor and jury confiscate the city water plant at half value fixed by all the engineers... The suit of a workman injured on a logging train for \$2500 damages dismissed by Judge McGinn, as the man got \$4 benefit under industrial compensation act... The Industrial Accident Commission cost to date: Surgical and hospital bills, \$56,858.81; salaries and expenses, \$59,267.33; paid for workmen's injuries, \$97,880.65. Set aside for dependents in fatal cases, \$140,573.71... President Gilman of the Hill lines stated at Cottage Grove that the company is conducting a series of observations and making surveys at Clear Lake, 75 miles up the McKenzie, and will eventually construct immense power projects there, but that at this time there is no movement to begin the actual construction.

Monroe is to have a co-operative store... Lake county will build a hospital at Lakeview... North Plains is struggling for a cheese factory... Benton county highway, from Monroe to Albany, to be oiled... Eugene people moving for a new 12-room grade school... Gilbert—New \$15,000 community school center built... April wheat shipments from Portland 916,915 bushels... Florence voted \$5000 to build addition to school house... Albany planning to erect some beautiful pergola gateways... Eugene—Two rooms and furnace ordered added to high school... D. R. Wiggins, Portland, may operate the Glendale box factory... Marshfield—Perry & Nicholson, large new furniture store, opened... John Roesch of La Grande, plans to build \$20,000 hotel at Union... One Coos Bay contract is for a \$6000 road from North Bend to Empire... Roseburg—Engineer for Kendall Bros. designing \$500,000 sawmill... Coos county will open highway from North Bend to Ten Mile country... Marshfield—Mrs. Christie Kruse will erect a conservatory of music.

VIOLATIONS OF LAWS.

Salem, June 22, 1915. From many sections of the state the attention of this office is repeatedly directed to alleged violations of the "motor vehicle laws," the impression prevailing that the Secretary of State is vested with the enforcement of the same. Such is not the case. This office is not vested with police powers. Its duties are only to register motor vehicles and chauffeurs as proper applications are filed. Under this law (Sections 26 and 27) it is made the specific duty of all police officers, sheriffs and constables, within the limits of their respective jurisdictions, to enforce its provisions. Violations of such law should, therefore, be directed to the attention of the local police officers. Should you deem this matter of public importance I shall appreciate such publicity as you may give it. Yours very respectfully, BEN W. OLCOTT, Secretary of State.

LUMBER BOOM IS INDICATED

Railroads Ask Bids for 3000 Freight Cars to Use 5,000,000 Feet. A revival in railroad and lumber industries is seen in big car orders that are to be placed by the Chicago & Northwestern and the Burlington railroads. They are asking bids from Oregon mills on material for about 1500 freight cars each. More than 5,000,000 feet of lumber is involved in the order. These roads have built no wooden cars for two years. Before that time they constructed almost 30 a day.—Portland Telegram.

SCOUT ENCAMPMENT.

Warren, June 29.—A big time was enjoyed by the Warren Hussars at the Boy Scout encampment. The ladies who accompanied the Hussars wish to thank Big Chief for the "friendly reception."

A consignment consisting of 760 tons of steel rails and fastenings has been received by the Columbia River and Nehalem Railroad company at Clatskanie, having been shipped from the east via the Panama canal. It is estimated this shipment will build approximately twenty-five miles of railroad.

That Oregon dairies rank among the very best in the United States, is indicated by the action of the judges at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in awarding the grand prize, consisting of a gold medal and \$100 in gold, for the highest average scored by ten samples of Oregon milk exhibited. Medals were also awarded for the extremely low bacteria count in samples of Oregon milk and cream, no other samples having made anywhere near as good a showing.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

See E. E. Quick, St. Helens, and insure your property in the Oregon Fire Relief Association of McMinnville, Oregon. Don't put it off. Mehoff W. L. WARREN, Agent.

HOUSE FOR RENT.

Large six-room house, close in; big yard and orchard. Columbia County Abstract Co., St. Helens. Apr. 23-tf.

NOTICE.

The undersigned will not be responsible for any bills made by any person, or persons, in the execution of the road work in Columbia county under our supervision, unless said bills are contracted on our order in writing. STANDIFER-CLARKSON CO. 28-3t.

... If you buy out of town, ... And I buy out of town, ... And the other fellow buys out of town, ... What will become of St. Helens business ... THINK IT OVER.

OREGON CONGRESSMEN TO INVESTIGATE

Portland, Ore., June 30, 1915. (Special)—In view of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Oregon & California land grant case, the matter has become one for action by the citizens of this state. Some decision must be arrived at by congress within six months from the date of the Supreme Court decision, and five months of that time will elapse before the beginning of the next session of congress, leaving only one month in which to have the question acted upon by both houses. In order to expedite matters and to secure all necessary gationdata, Oregon's congressional delegation, consisting of two senators and three representatives, will cooperate with the Portland Chamber of Commerce and a series of conferences will be held to determine the standing of settlers and other interested parties in each county in which the disputed land is located. It is believed that by taking vigorous action during the summer and fall all facts and figures can be collected and tabulated in such form that congress will be able to reach a decision without delay. As on this decision depends the winning or losing by Oregon of several million dollars, it is of the utmost importance that no time be lost in starting this investigation.

ABSURD PROVISION.

One of the most absurd provisions in the school laws of Oregon is the one which says that a person residing in a school district of the first class, or second, cannot vote for the election of a member of the board of education unless his or her name appears as a taxpayer on the preceding assessment roll. The only exception to this rule is in the case of people holding stock in a corporation, which is assessed.

Under this law no woman can vote at a school election even tho her husband may be a tax payer and altho she may have children attending school. No man with children in school can cast a ballot at one of these elections unless he be a taxpayer, as stated above. In districts of the third class, however, any head of a family may vote, even tho he pays no taxes.

The law as it stands with reference to the qualification of women voters at school elections is absurd and unfair. Women are particularly interested in school affairs and are particularly qualified to judge of school problems and act upon them. Yet the majority of women are prohibited by law from exercising the right of franchise at school elections. A bachelor if he is a tax payer may vote, but the mother of children in school is considered unfit to vote unless by chance she has some property assessed in her own name.

There is no law on the statute books more improper or more unjust. If there are to be qualifications for school electors beyond those of the ordinary elector those qualifications most assuredly should not be such as to make outlaws of women who have children in school and who therefore come most directly in touch with school affairs and are most vitally concerned in the proper administration of the schools. The women of Oregon should get together in a united way and see to it that this relic of barbarism is taken off the statute books of Oregon.—Astoria Budget.

TO PREVENT STARTING OF FIRES

Dry weather will soon be here. So will thousands of tourists enroute to or from the Panama-Pacific exposition. We want them to enjoy our scenery and come again because Oregon attracts them. Only one thing can prevent their enjoyment—smoke from forest fires.

Last season those who came to see the natural wonders of the state went away disgusted, for the air was filled with smoke, which completely shut out our wonderful scenery. We are spending thousands of dollars in building roads and pushing this work so this year's visitors may enjoy them; so that trips to points of scenic interest can be made quickly and comfortably and so that our wonderful timber resources and power possibilities may be realized. If, however, we allow the atmosphere to become smoky, plans made and money expended with a view of impressing tourists will be largely lost.

We can prevent the smoke nuisance if we will, to do this, however, requires the best kind of co-operation on the part of every rancher, fisherman, hunter, automobilist, logger and in fact anyone going into the timber-

land or brush covered areas. By preventing it for the sake of our visitors we will at the same time assist in preventing the destruction of one of our chief assets—timber. From now on every public spirited citizen should preach Prevention of Forest Fires.

Those having slashings to burn, should get them out of the way now if safety permits, or if not, leave them until fall. Public officials—state, county and municipal, should cheerfully help in eradicating the smoke nuisance. Every one should exert a real effort to prevent the starting of Forest Fires.

Our fire protection service has been successful the past four years in preventing loss of timber. But they cannot without the best kind of co-operation from all residents of the state to prevent fires from starting. We should all work together in making Oregon free from smoke this summer. If this is not done we will miss a real opportunity to impress upon thousands of people the fact that Oregon is a good state in which to live.

Follow these simple rules and see that others do the same and few fires will occur.

Don't toss away burning matches or tobacco.

Don't make a camp fire in leaves, rotten wood, or against logs, where it may spread or where you cannot be sure it is out.

Never leave a fire until it is out. Don't burn slashings in the dry season without a permit, and without care to confine the fire.

Put out any fire you find if you can, if you can't, notify a Fire Warden, some other Public Officer, or the Land Owner, and don't be afraid to tell the other fellow he must be careful also.—PORTLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County. Charles W. Johnson, plaintiff, vs. Mary Johnson, defendant. To Mary Johnson, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court on or before the 17th day of July, A. D. 1915, which is six weeks after the 4th day of June, A. D. 1915, the date ordered for the first publication of summons; and if you fail to so appear and answer, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant herein, and that plaintiff be decreed to be the owner of Lot 3 in Block 73, in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, freed from any claim of defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable and just.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. A. L. Clark, Judge of the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, made and entered on the 4th day of June, A. D. 1915. M. E. MILLER and W. A. HARRIS, Attorneys for Plaintiff, St. Helens, Oregon. First publication, June 4, 1915. Last publication, July 16, 1915.

LODGES

Kiwanda Tribe No. 63, Improved Order of Redmen, meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month in K. of P. hall, St. Helens. Visiting brethren welcome. E. I. BALLAGH, C. of R.

St. Helens Rebekah Lodge, No. 217, meets first and third Thursday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting members always welcome. MRS. ELLA ALLEN, N. G. ORA BENNETT, Sec.

Houlton Circle No. 478, Women of Woodcraft, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month at Houlton, Oregon. AGNES DIXON, G. N. ANNA RICHARDSON, Clerk.

Columbia Encampment, No. 77, I. O. O. F. meets in the I. O. O. F. Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Sojourning Patriarchs most cordially invited to meet with us. CHAS. M. BEELER, C. P. C. W. BLAKESLEY, Scribe.

Avon Lodge No. 62 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening in Castle Hall, St. Helens. Visiting Knights always welcome. S. R. SONNELAND, C. C. M. E. MILLER, K. of O. S.

St. Helens Lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M. meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. EDWIN ROSS, Master. E. E. QUICK, Secretary.

St. Helens Lodge O. F. building, on meets in the I. O. O. F. No 117, I. O. O. F. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, visiting members are always given a hearty welcome. JESSE LANSING, N. G. C. W. BLAKESLEY, Sec.

Mispah Chapter O. E. S. Meets in Masonic Hall the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. IRENE M. DAY, W. M. E. A. ROTGER, Secretary.

Tillicum Tribe No. 52, Improved O. R. M., of Yankton, Ore., meets at its wigwam, second and fourth Saturdays of each month. W. G. BRANNON, C. of R. EBER BROWN, Sach.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given, that in accordance with an order made by the County Judge of Columbia County, Oregon, on the 5th day of June, 1915, in the matter of the estate of Ed. Black, deceased, and under the power and authority given to me by that order, that on and after the 10th day of June, 1915, I will proceed to sell, at private sale, for cash, for the highest possible price, the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: Lot Four (4) in Block Eighteen (18) in the City of Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon; that after said date mentioned, I will receive offers for the sale of said property under the terms specified, from any person or persons who may be interested in the same. Dated this 8th day of June, 1915. A. JALOFF, Administrator of the estate of Ed. Black, deceased. Residence Astoria, Oregon. June 11, Jul 9.

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